

REGULAR MEETING
September 3rd, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barbara J. Lloyd with the recitation of the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Roll Call – In Attendance – Paul Lowe, Kim St. Clair, Ed Harlan, Bo Coconis, Mike Nunley, and Greg Gibson

Paul motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held on August 5th, 2024. Seconded by Kim. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Greg motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held on August 12th, 2024. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Ed motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held on August 27th, 2024. Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to approve the Fiscal Officer’s report for August 2024. Seconded by Kim. Gibson – yeas, Coconis – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lloyd asked the Council if they saw the August 2024 Mayor’s Court Data?

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Bob Snavely – Palmer Energy

I work for Palmer Energy. It is good to see everyone again. I am here because the current electric aggregate program you have is set to expire in September. I believe you all have already voted for that in the future we collaborate with the county to get the best rate possible. This should be the last contract that the Village has to go through. The timing on this is that South Zanesville will combine with Perry Township, Falls Township, and eventually the City of Zanesville to be on the same contract. The reason you do that is purchasing power. The more you buy the more savings you get. We are doing what we refer to as a bridge deal. It is a 12-month aggregation plan. What I brought are the results on the last one. The new contract will start in December 2024. If you go under the chart we have the top 2 suppliers. Our recommendation is the 12-month with constellation. If you compare prices it is a little more expensive, I have attached the reason behind it. A lot of the costs are coming from compacity. There is an increase coming in 2025 and 2026. Your electric bill is made up of 2 parts, a regulated side that AEP controls, and there is a fee generation side which is what we are talking about here. The generation part of your bill is about 50%. In June of 25 this increase will hit, the good news is that the 7.2 cents is cheaper compared to the current price. The price to compare when the compacity hits will probably be close to 8 cents. For this contract the majority of the savings will be at the end of the 6 months of the contract versus the initial 6 months. To get an idea of the current aggregation price it is 5.19 cents. So it will be a 2 cent increase. Why is it going up? Compacity helps to stop blackouts. We are in a low supply of energy and we are filling the gaps with electric energy.

Chris reiterates that the rate is going to go up 2 cents a kilowatt-hour.

Barb asks if they are shutting down the coal plants. He said they are and with that being said they are not generating energy there, which means we pay for that. Things can change and that's why we are doing a 12-month program.

We will do a refresh and make sure these prices are the best. We just need a motion for Chris to proceed with the contract.

Paul motioned to approve the 12-month Palmer Group contract. Seconded by Kim. Gibson – yeas, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Danny Wiseman

We did get the dirt for the park, we should have enough. When we get a chance we will start leveling it out.

Fire – Russell Taylor

There was a total of 99 calls for the month of August 2024. They were as follows:

Fire – 26 Calls

- 5 Fire Calls
- 7 Service Calls
- 10 Canceled Calls
- 1 Special Incident
- 3 False Alarms

EMS – 73 Calls

- 56 Transports
- 7 Refusals
- 6 Lift Assists
- 8 First Responder
- 3 Mutual Aid MVA/No Pt Contact

The breakdown (location) of where the 99 calls for service are as follows:

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| Springfield Township – 33 | Village of South Zanesville – 34 |
| Newton Township – 13 | City of Zanesville – 9 |
| Harrison Township – 3 | Wayne Township– 2 |
| Roseville – 3 | Crooksville - 2 |

Year to date we have collected \$159,496.77 we are 3% below where we were at this time last year.

We have a dedication ceremony planned for September 11 at 11 am if anyone would like to attend. We know so far that Senator Landis is giving us a proclamation, Troy Balderson's office is, and so are the County Commissioners. We had a meeting about the Christmas parade. It will be November 24. Tomorrow since the fire truck is paid for, we pick it up around 1:00 PM to bring it back to town. The yard sale at the park is Saturday as long as it doesn't rain from 9-4. There are 9 people signed up this time. There is a big yard sale at Gant for the next 2 days so we probably won't be busy.

Police – Mark Ross

In the month of August, the police department had 100 call records, compared to August 2023 of 198. During this period, we did 16 reports, 0 accident reports. We had 2 Warrant Arrests, 1 Misdemeanor Arrest. As to Traffic we had 31 citations, verbal warnings and written warnings handed out to the motorist public.

Officer Kurt Rogers had started his Part-Time position as of 08/22/2024 patrolling times over the weekend evening hours.

Water – Danny Wiseman

Nothing.

Street – Danny Wiseman

At the beginning of the year, the EPA put out a grant for a new salt bin. We do need a new bin so it will take all of the grant.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee – Council Member Harlan – We reviewed applications for the maintenance and Fiscal Officer positions.

Street Committee – Council Member Gibson – We reviewed the bids for the street paving project. We had four people put in bids. Spire Company was \$261,700.00 Berkheimer’s was \$202,400.00 Shelly Company at \$183,000.00 and Shelly and Sands at \$179,000.00.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

Bid Updates - Greg made a motion to proceed with Shelly and Sands as the bid winner and continue with the process. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Local Government Fund Official Certification - Paul made a motion to accept and approve the Local Government Fund Official Certification. Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yeas, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

New Council Committee Listing – Barb announced that Council member Mike Nunley was taken off of the Public Safety Committee since he is already involved in others. Ed Harlan will replace him as a committee member.

Suggested Water Rate Increase—Danny announced that this was a standard increase. We have to do this occasionally to keep up with rising costs.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance – 2024-11 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDING AND REVISING SPECIFIC LINE-ITEMS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ed motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-11, Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe - yea. Motion Carried.

Ed motioned to pass Ordinance 2024-11. Seconded by Greg. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Ordinance – 2024-12 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION TO SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP (1ST READING)

Greg motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-12, Seconded by Mike. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe - yea. Motion Carried.

Ordinance – 2024-13 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH TO BE THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED SUGGESTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025 (1ST READING)

Ed motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-13, Seconded by Bo. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Ordinance – 2024-14 AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH KEVIN VAN HORN, ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACTING AS THE VILLAGE’S LEGAL ADVISOR (1ST READING)

Ed motioned to accept Ordinance 2024-14, Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe - yea. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paul provides an update on the Park. Taylor texted me and let me know that Matthew from Hartman’s Landscaping can meet with me anyday and I have his phone number. I am going to call him for sometime next week to get us a sketch of what we are thinking about. Not too complicated but that is the next step we have to do. Without the sketch, we will not be able to get the grant. Barb asks if we have thought about a platform for entertainment, concerts, or movies? I have asked several people, about having an amphitheater. Anytime I bring it up they are excited! Ed says the grant is for Children. Paul says he thinks it could be possible but there is a lot of potential with the shelter house up top. Why cant we use that.. there is plenty of room why couldn’t we move the picnic tables out and have bands up there? I am not against it. But we can talk about it.

NEW BUSINESS

Bo asks to go into executive session. Kevin Vanhorn elaborates that the reason must be specific within why we are going into executive session. Kevin asks Bo if he believes what he is asking to talk about in executive session actually qualifies and Bo replies he does not believe so. Bo continues and brings up the event that the Fire Department is putting on at the Fairgrounds. He tells Russell Taylor that he needs to bring to the council anything that he plans to use under the Organizations name, we should do some type of process or form to make sure we are all included and collaborating. Barb said she would like to know ahead of time, Paul agrees. Paul says we probably should put some electric up there. Any event we need it. Bo reiterated the importance of getting electricity up there, if we are going to invest in the park.. we should have electric. Paul says we should come up with a form for people who want to have events. That way council can have a heads up. Kevin Vanhorn states that we are talking about Public Events. If we are going to make this a process, we need to know when. Bo says he would like to make this a future thing, the more we add and invest in the Park, the more events will happen there. Barb

elaborates that we will not have beer at the park. Bo says there are permits that you can get that are only for a day or so.. It is not a permanent thing. Whether we can copy the process the city does, I think we do have the space. Barb announces that maybe we should have a committee created and call them the planning committee. We will talk about this again. Greg brings up concerns of shelter house reservations being interrupted by people having public events. Mark and Barb assure him that there is a process of how we handle it along with a form and fee they pay at the Village Office.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

ADJOURN

Mike moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Taylor Bennett – Clerk